



## H.R. 3546 – TO AUTHORIZE THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AT FISCAL YEAR 2006 LEVELS THROUGH 2012

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 3546 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Hank Johnson (D-GA) on September 17, 2007. The House Committee on the Judiciary agreed to the bill by voice vote on June 18, 2008.

H.R. 3546 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 23, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.R. 3546 authorizes \$1.095 billion annually through FY2012 for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

***\*Note: The program was authorized at \$1.095 billion in FY2006 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2007-2009.***

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### BACKGROUND

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) allows states and local governments to improve their criminal justice system by supporting activities that help prevent and control crime. Funding under the JAG program has six targeted purpose areas: law enforcement; prosecution and court programs; prevention and education programs; corrections and community corrections programs; drug treatment and enforcement programs; planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs; and crime victim and witness programs.

The JAG program provides state and local governments with a single funding mechanism that simplifies the administration process for grants going towards crime control programs. The formula used to distribute funds under JAG is based on state population and crime statistics, along with a minimum allocation for each state, to help ensure that each state receives an appropriate share. The JAG program was authorized under the Violence against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-162).

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### COST

The Congressional Budget Office did not have a cost estimate available for H.R. 3546 as of June 21, 2008.

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